

HB 179 -- VETERAN DESIGNATION

SPONSOR: Chipman

COMMITTEE ACTIONS: Voted "Do Pass by Consent" by the Standing Committee on Transportation by a vote of 10 to 0. Voted "Do Pass by Consent" by the Select Committee on Rules by a vote of 10 to 0.

Currently, a military veteran may receive a veteran designation on his or her drivers license only upon presentation of a United States Department of Defense discharge document, otherwise known as a DD Form 214, that shows a discharge status of "honorable" or "general under honorable conditions" that establishes the person's service in the Armed Forces of the United States. This bill allows a person to present a DD Form 214 or a United States Uniformed Services Identification Card, otherwise known as a DD Form 2, that includes a discharge status of "retired" or "reserve retired" to establish the person's service in the Armed Forces of the United States.

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that allowing a veteran to present a DD Form 214 or a United States Uniformed Services Identification Card, to establish the person's service in the Armed Forces will be a more convenient process for the veteran than the current method. It will also make obtaining discounts and other benefits easier.

Testifying for the bill was Representative Chipman.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.